

**HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING  
VIA ZOOM VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS**

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**Monday, May 17, 2021 – 5:35 p.m.**

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**PROPER STATEMENT OF NOTICE** – Mayor Blake called the meeting to order stating that notice of the meeting had been posted on the municipal bulletin board and forwarded to the Hopewell Valley News, The Times, the Trentonian and the Hopewell Express (the official newspapers) on January 5, 2021, in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975.

**ROLL CALL:** Those answering the roll call of the Municipal Clerk:

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Kevin Kuchinski, Kristin McLaughlin, Courtney Peters-Manning, Michael Ruger, Mayor Julie Blake

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF PRESENT:** Acting Administrator/Public Works Director George Snyder, Municipal Clerk Laurie Gompf, CFO Julie Troutman, Director of Community Development/Engineer Mark Kataryniak, Police Director Robert Karmazin, Township Attorney Steve Goodell

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG** – Mayor Blake led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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**MINUTES SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL**

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Peters-Manning to approve January 27, 2021 Special and Executive Session Meeting Minutes and the February 1, 2021 Regular and Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

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**PRESENTATION – NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK, MAY 16-23, 2021 “STRONGER TOGETHER”**

Committee Member Ruger read the following Proclamation into the record while showing a slide show of the Department of Public Works staff at work:

**PROCLAMATION**

**NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK  
MAY 16 – 23, 2021**

**“STRONGER TOGETHER”**

**WHEREAS**, public works professionals focus on infrastructure, facilities and services that are of vital importance to sustainable and resilient communities and to the public health, high quality of life and well-being of the people of Hopewell Township; and,

**WHEREAS**, these infrastructure, facilities and services could not be provided without the dedicated efforts of public works professionals, who are engineers, managers and employees at all levels of government and the private sector, who are responsible for rebuilding, improving and protecting our nation’s transportation, water supply, water treatment and solid waste systems, public buildings, and other structures and facilities essential for our citizens; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is in the public interest for the citizens, civic leaders and children in Hopewell Township to gain knowledge of and to maintain an ongoing interest and understanding of the importance of public works and public works programs in their respective communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the year 2021 marks the 61<sup>st</sup> annual National Public Works Week sponsored by the American Public Works Association.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Mayor Julie Blake, do hereby designate the week May 16 – 22, 2021 as National Public Works Week; I urge all citizens to join with representatives of the American Public Works Association and government agencies to recognize the substantial contributions they make to protecting our national health, safety, and quality of life.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Township of Hopewell (to be affixed), at the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, New Jersey this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021.

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**PRESENTATION – PROCLAMATION DECLARING JUNE 2021 AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER PRIDE MONTH IN HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP**

Committee Members Ruger and Peters-Manning read the Proclamation into the record.

**PROCLAMATION**

**DECLARING JUNE 2021 AS LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER PRIDE MONTH IN HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, Hopewell Township residents recognize the human rights of all citizens and support an end to all forms of prejudice and discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Hopewell Township Committee are committed to promoting equality and fostering a welcoming and supportive environments for all; and

**WHEREAS**, Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer residents have made important contributions to the history and quality of life of our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer individuals and families across the United States continue to face significant forms of oppression and discrimination; and

**WHEREAS**, this June 2021 is the fifty-second anniversary of the Stonewall Inn demonstrations, which are regarded as a catalyst in the fight for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer rights.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mayor Julie Blake of the Township of Hopewell, with the support of the Hopewell Township Committee, hereby recognizes June 2021 as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer pride month in Hopewell Township and urges all of our residents to celebrate diversity and inclusion; promote equality; acknowledge the achievements and contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people; and strive to eliminate prejudice everywhere that it exists; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Hopewell Township Clerk shall send a copy of this Proclamation to each municipality in the County of Mercer and to the Mercer County Board of Chosen Freeholders.

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**PRESENTATION – PROCLAMATION DECLARING THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE 2021 TO BE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**

Read into the record by Committee Members Kuchinski and McLaughlin.

**PROCLAMATION**

**DECLARING THE FIRST FRIDAY IN JUNE, 2021 TO BE NATIONAL GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS DAY**

This proclamation declares the first Friday in June to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day in the Township of Hopewell to honor and remember all victims and survivors of gun violence and to declare that we as a country must do more to reduce gun violence.

**WHEREAS**, every day, 100 Americans are killed by gun violence, alongside more than 230 who are shot and wounded, and on average there are more than 13,000 gun homicides every year; and

**WHEREAS**, Americans are 25 times more likely to die by gun homicide than people in other high-income countries; and

**WHEREAS**, New Jersey has on average 445 gun deaths every year, with a rate of 5.0 deaths per 100,000 people, New Jersey has the highest rate of gun deaths in the U.S.; and

**WHEREAS**, gun homicides and assaults are concentrated in cities, with more than half of all firearm related gun deaths in the nation occurring in 127 cities; and

**WHEREAS**, cities across the nation, including in Hopewell Township, are working to end the senseless violence with evidence-based solutions; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting public safety in the communities they serve is mayors' highest responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, support for the Second Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens goes hand-in-hand with keeping guns away from people with dangerous histories; and

**WHEREAS**, mayors and law enforcement officers know their communities best, are the most familiar with local criminal activity and how to address it, and are best positioned to understand how to keep their citizens safe; and

**WHEREAS**, gun violence prevention is more important than ever as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to exacerbate gun violence after more than a year of increased gun sales, increased calls to suicide and domestic violence hotlines, and an increase in city gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2013, Hadiya Pendleton, was tragically shot and killed at age 15; and on June 4 2021 to recognize the 24<sup>th</sup> birthday of Hadiya Pendleton (born June 2, 1997), people across the United States will recognize National Gun Violence Awareness Day and wear orange in tribute to:

- (1) Hadiya Pendleton and other victims of gun violence; and
- (2) The loved ones of those victims; and

**WHEREAS**, the idea was inspired by a group of Hadiya's friends, who asked their classmates to commemorate her life by wearing orange; they chose this color because hunters wear orange to announce themselves to other hunters when out in the woods and orange is a color that symbolizes the value of human life; and

**WHEREAS**, anyone can join this campaign by pledging to Wear Orange on June 4<sup>th</sup>, the first Friday in June in 2021, to help raise awareness about gun violence; and

**WHEREAS**, by wearing orange on June 4, 2021 Americans will raise awareness about gun violence and honor the lives of gun violence victims and survivors; and

**WHEREAS**, we renew our commitment to reduce gun violence and pledge to do all we can to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, and encourage responsible gun ownership to help keep our children safe.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, New Jersey declares the first Friday in June, June 4, 2021, to be National Gun Violence Awareness Day. I encourage all citizens to support their local communities' efforts to prevent the tragic effects of gun violence and to honor and value human lives.

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#### **ADDITIONAL ITEMS FOR MEETING AGENDA**

- A. AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE SALARY AND WAGE PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION IN 2021 (REVISED)
- B. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-2.10 "POLICE DEPARTMENT" OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR UP TO THREE LIEUTENANTS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT
- C. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF RENE JOHNSON TO CONDUCT A MEMORIAL EVENT
- D. A RESOLUTION CALLING ON GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY, U.S. SENATORS BOB MENENDEZ AND CORY BOOKER, CONGRESSWOMAN BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN AND CONGRESSMAN TOM MALINOWSKI TO ENCOURAGE THE

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION TO REVERSE ITS SUPPORT OF THE PENNEASTPIPELINE'S USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO TAKE NEW JERSEY PROPERTY, TO OPPOSE THE PENNEAST PIPELINE PROJECT AND TO SUPPORT H.R. 2115

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS AND STAFF REPORTS**

Mark Kataryniak reported on PSE&G work in the Mt. Rose area; that construction crews are continuing to work on punch list items to wrap up 2021 road improvement projects; and that there has been an increase in activities permits.

Ms. Gompf reported that tomorrow is the last day to register to vote for the primary election; the office is very busy with festival permit applications and raffle permits; and that the office is in the process of renewing liquor licenses for the 2021-2022 season.

Mr. Snyder reported he is tracking the American Rescue Plan funding and he also provided tentative utility meeting dates and times.

Committee Member McLaughlin reported on the Deer Management Committee and that applications are being accepted.

Committee Member Kuchinski reported on property tax appeal filings.

Committee Member Ruger reported on Public Works activities; that the Citizens' Equity Advisory Committee has openings; that anyone interested in being on the Committee should send a statement of interest to the Municipal Clerk; and reported on the upcoming public meeting on cannabis.

Committee Member Peters-Manning reported that the Senior Center reopened today for afternoon activities with COVID precautions in place and that meals are still not being served there.

Mayor Blake announced that an Historic Preservation meeting will be held tomorrow night.

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**RESOLUTION #21-155.** Read in its entirety into the record by Ms. Troutman.

Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by McLaughlin to adopt Resolution #21-155.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Kuchinski, McLaughlin, Peters-Manning, Ruger, Mayor Blake

**NOES:** None

**R E S O L U T I O N #21-155**

**RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE 2021 APPROVED BUDGET  
OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, COUNTY OF MERCER**

**WHEREAS**, the local municipal budget for the year 2021 was approved on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, the below amendment to the 2021 municipal budget is required by the Director of the Division of Local Government Services; and

**WHEREAS**, public hearing on said budget is to be held as advertised and will include the below amendments; and

**WHEREAS**, it is desired to amend said approved budget.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey that the following amendments to the approved budget of the Township of Hopewell for the year 2021 be made:

	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
Current Fund - Anticipated Revenues		
6. a. Local Tax for Municipal Purposes Including Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	16,550,995.47	16,672,293.36

Total Amount to be Raised by Taxes for Support for the Municipal Budget	16,550,995.47	16,672,293.36
7. Total General Revenues	24,664,403.12	24,785,701.01
Current Fund - Appropriations		
8. General Appropriations		
A. Operations – within “CAPS”		
Legal Services – Other Expenses	353,700.00	389,000.00
Streets and Road Salary & Wages	1,451,579.00	1,501,579.00
Public Health Salary & Wages	347,118.00	381,818.00
Total Operations {Item 8(A)} within “CAPS”	12,899,583.56	13,019,583.56
B. Contingent		
Total Operations Including Contingent within CAPS	12,899,583.56	13,019,583.56
Detail : Salary & Wages	7,402,585.00	7,487,285.00
Other Expenses (Including Contingent)	5,496,998.56	5,532,298.56
H-1 Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes within	15,133,670.56	15,253,670.56
(L) Subtotal General Appropriations {Items (H-1) and (O)}	23,406,989.78	23,526,989.78
(M) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,257,413.34	1,258,711.23
9. Total General Appropriations	24,664,403.12	24,785,701.01
Summary of Appropriations		
H-1 Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes within	15,133,670.56	15,253,670.56
(M) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	1,257,413.34	1,258,711.23
Total General Appropriations	24,664,403.12	24,785,701.01

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that two certified copies of this resolution shall be filed forthwith with the Director of the Division of Local Government Services.

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## 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PRESENTATION

Ms. Troutman presented the following:

- Hopewell Township taxes represent 14% of the average tax bill.
- Open Space taxes represent 1% of the average tax bill.
- Fire District taxes represent 3% of the average tax bill.
- Mercer County taxes represent 24% of the average tax bill.
- Hopewell Valley Regional School District represents 58% of the average tax bill.
- The Township collects the taxes for Mercer County, the School District and the Fire District.
- The Township is left to bear the cost of the uncollected taxes.
- Hopewell has the lowest equalized municipal tax rate in Mercer County for the year 2020
- 2021 budget overview included:
  - A focus on doing more with less while maintaining responsible budget practices.
  - The levy is below the NJ 2010 Levy CAP
  - Continue ensuring new capital spending is less than the principal scheduled for repayment.
  - The Townships levy will impact the average home assessed at \$480,085 by \$16.33 per month.
- Revenue was impacted by COVID-19
- Reviewed the budgeted revenue history from 2015 to present.
- Provided a detail of Township expenses from 2015 to present.
- Reviewed the Township’s debt reduction efforts.
- Reviewed the impact of affordable housing on the 2021 budget.
- Future Committee actions:
  - Continue to reduce debt
  - Pursue new revenue sources

- Restart efforts to sell Pennytown

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## 2021 MUNICIPAL BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

**Jon Edwards**, a resident of Pennington Harbourton Road, referred to properties on the west side of Scotch Road; asked that the school district be included when preparing the budget; made comments about the debt service; approved of the sale of Pennytown; questioned the debt service amounts; and requested a chart for the budget surplus.

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**RESOLUTION #21-156.** Read by title.

Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by McLaughlin to adopt Resolution #21-156.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Kuchinski, McLaughlin, Peters-Manning, Ruger, Mayor Blake

**NOES:** None

(A COPY OF BUDGET RESOLUTION #21-156 IS HEREWITH ATTACHED AND MADE A PART OF THE MINUTES.)

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## PUBLIC SECTION

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

No comments from the public.

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## ORDINANCE – FINAL READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION

Mayor Blake read by title the introduced ordinance:

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEWER UTILITIES IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$123,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$116,850 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF

Mayor Blake declared public hearing open. No comments from the public.

Motion by Peters-Manning, seconded by McLaughlin to close public hearing.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Peters-Manning to adopt the introduced ordinance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Kuchinski, McLaughlin, Peters-Manning, Ruger, Mayor Blake

**NOES:** None

**ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

Ordinance advertised May 7, 2021, Hopewell Valley News. Posted municipal bulletin board as required by law.

### ORDINANCE NO. 21-1748

**BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO THE SEWER UTILITIES IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$123,000 THEREFOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF**

**\$116,850 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP TO  
FINANCE PART OF THE COST THEREOF.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY** (not less than two-thirds of all members thereof affirmatively concurring) **AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The several improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are hereby respectively authorized to be undertaken by the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the "Township") as general improvements. For the several improvements or purposes described in Section 3, there are hereby appropriated the respective sums of money therein stated as the appropriation made for each improvement or purpose, such sums amounting in the aggregate to \$123,000, including the aggregate sum of \$6,150 as the several down payments for the improvements or purposes required by the Local Bond Law. The down payments have been made available by virtue of provision for down payment or for capital improvement purposes in one or more previously adopted budgets.

Section 2. In order to finance the cost of the several improvements or purposes not covered by application of the several down payments, negotiable bonds are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of \$116,850 pursuant to the Local Bond Law. In anticipation of the issuance of the bonds, negotiable bond anticipation notes are hereby authorized to be issued pursuant to and within the limitations prescribed by the Local Bond Law.

Section 3. The several improvements hereby authorized and the several purposes for which the bonds are to be issued, the estimated cost of each improvement and the appropriation therefor, the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued for each improvement and the period of usefulness of each improvement are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Appropriation &amp; Estimated Cost</u>	<u>Estimated Maximum Amount of Bonds &amp; Notes</u>	<u>Period of Usefulness</u>
<b>a) <u>Brandon Farms Sewer Utility:</u></b>			
(i) Acquisition of lift station controls, including all related costs and expenses incidental thereto.	\$40,000	\$38,000	10 years
(ii) Acquisition of a wastewater sewage grinder cartridge and a sewage pump station wet well mixer, including all related costs and expenses incidental thereto.	\$67,000	\$63,650	40 years
<b>(b) <u>Princeton Farms Sewer Utility:</u></b>			
Lift station door replacement, including all related costs and expenditures incidental thereto.	\$16,000	\$15,200	15 years
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b><u>\$123,000</u></b>	<b><u>\$116,850</u></b>	

The excess of the appropriation made for each of the improvements or purposes aforesaid over the estimated maximum amount of bonds or notes to be issued therefor, as above stated, is the amount of the down payment for each purpose and the State Grants, as applicable.

Section 4. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder shall mature at such times as may be determined by the chief financial officer; provided that no bond anticipation note shall mature later than one year from its date, unless such bond anticipation notes are permitted to mature at such later date in accordance with applicable law. The bond anticipation notes shall bear interest at such rate or rates and be in such form as may be determined by the chief financial officer. The chief financial officer shall determine all matters in connection with bond

anticipation notes issued pursuant to this bond ordinance, and the chief financial officer's signature upon the bond anticipation notes shall be conclusive evidence as to all such determinations. All bond anticipation notes issued hereunder may be renewed from time to time subject to the provisions of the Local Bond Law or other applicable law. The chief financial officer is hereby authorized to sell part or all of the bond anticipation notes from time to time at public or private sale and to deliver them to the purchasers thereof upon receipt of payment of the purchase price plus accrued interest from their dates to the date of delivery thereof. The chief financial officer is directed to report in writing to the governing body at the meeting next succeeding the date when any sale or delivery of the bond anticipation notes pursuant to this bond ordinance is made. Such report must include the amount, the description, the interest rate and the maturity schedule of the bond anticipation notes sold, the price obtained and the name of the purchaser.

Section 5. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this bond ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 6. The following additional matters are hereby determined, declared, recited and stated:

(a) The improvements or purposes described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance are not current expenses. They are all improvements or purposes that the Township may lawfully undertake as general improvements, and no part of the cost thereof has been or shall be specially assessed on property specially benefitted thereby.

(b) The average period of usefulness, computed on the basis of the respective amounts of obligations authorized for each purpose and the reasonable life thereof within the limitations of the Local Bond Law, is 26.99 years.

(c) The Supplemental Debt Statement required by the Local Bond Law has been duly prepared and filed in the office of the Clerk, and a complete executed duplicate thereof has been filed in the office of the Director of the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs of the State of New Jersey. Such statement shows that the gross debt of the Township as defined in the Local Bond Law is increased by the authorization of the bonds and notes provided in this bond ordinance by \$116,850, and the obligations authorized herein will be within all debt limitations prescribed by that Law.

(d) An aggregate amount not exceeding \$3,000 for items of expense listed in and permitted under N.J.S.A. 40A:2-20 is included in the estimated cost indicated herein for the purposes or improvements.

Section 7. The Township hereby declares the intent of the Township to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes in the amount authorized in Section 2 of this bond ordinance and to use the proceeds to pay or reimburse expenditures for the costs of the purposes or improvements described in Section 3 of this bond ordinance. This Section 7 is a declaration of intent within the meaning and for purposes of the Treasury Regulations.

Section 8. Any grant moneys received for the purpose described in Section 3(a) hereof shall be applied either to direct payment of the cost of the improvement or to payment of the obligations issued pursuant to this bond ordinance. The amount of obligations authorized but not issued hereunder shall be reduced to the extent that such funds are so used.

Section 9. The chief financial officer of the Township is hereby authorized to prepare and to update from time to time as necessary a financial disclosure document to be distributed in connection with the sale of obligations of the Township and to execute such disclosure document on behalf of the Township. The chief financial officer is further authorized to enter into the appropriate undertaking to provide secondary market disclosure on behalf of the Township pursuant to Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Rule") for the benefit of holders and beneficial owners of obligations of the Township and to amend such undertaking from time to time in connection with any change in law, or interpretation thereof, provided such undertaking is and continues to be, in the opinion of a nationally recognized bond counsel, consistent with the requirements of the Rule. In the event that the Township fails to comply with its undertaking, the Township shall not be liable for any monetary damages, and the remedy shall be limited to specific performance of the undertaking.

Section 10. The full faith and credit of the Township are hereby pledged to the punctual payment of the principal of and the interest on the obligations authorized by this bond ordinance. The obligations shall be direct, unlimited obligations of the Township, and the Township shall be obligated to levy *ad valorem* taxes upon all the taxable real property within the Township for the payment of the obligations and the interest thereon without limitation of rate or amount.



Section 11. This bond ordinance shall take effect 20 days after the first publication thereof after final adoption, as provided by the Local Bond Law.

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**ORDINANCE – FINAL READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION**

Mayor Blake read by title the introduced ordinance:

**ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$12,000 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND FOR THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE BRANDON FARMS SEWER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY**

Mayor Blake declared public hearing open. No comments from the public. Motion by Peters-Manning, seconded by Ruger to close public hearing.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Ruger to adopt the introduced ordinance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Kuchinski, McLaughlin, Peters-Manning, Ruger, Mayor Blake

**NOES:** None

**ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

Ordinance advertised May 7, 2021, Hopewell Valley News. Posted municipal bulletin board as required by law.

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-1749**

**ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$12,000 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND FOR THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE BRANDON FARMS SEWER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. \$12,000 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Fund for the acquisition of equipment, including a snow plow blade and a lateral camera for the Brandon Farms Sewer Utility in and by the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the “Township”), including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

Section 2. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication and otherwise as provided by law.

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**ORDINANCE – FINAL READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION**

Mayor Blake read by title the introduced ordinance:

**ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$7,000 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND FOR THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE PRINCETON FARMS SEWER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY**

Mayor Blake declared public hearing open. No comments from the public. Motion by Peters-Manning, seconded by Ruger to close public hearing.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

Motion by Ruger, seconded by Peters-Manning to adopt the introduced ordinance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Kuchinski, McLaughlin, Peters-Manning, Ruger, Mayor Blake

**NOES:** None

**ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

Ordinance advertised May 7, 2021, Hopewell Valley News. Posted municipal bulletin board as required by law.

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-1750**

**ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$7,000 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND FOR THE ACQUISITION OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE PRINCETON FARMS SEWER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. \$7,000 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Fund for the acquisition of equipment, including a snow plow blade and a lateral camera for the Princeton Farms Sewer Utility in and by the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the "Township"), including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

Section 2. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication and otherwise as provided by law.

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**ORDINANCE – FINAL READING, PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPTION**

Mayor Blake read by title the introduced ordinance:

**ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,700 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND FOR THE ACQUISITION OF SNOW PLOW BLADE FOR THE WASHINGTON CROSSING ESTATES WATER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY**

Mayor Blake declared public hearing open. No comments from the public.

Motion by Peters-Manning, seconded by McLaughlin to close public hearing.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

Motion by Ruger, seconded by McLaughlin to adopt the introduced ordinance.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Kuchinski, McLaughlin, Peters-Manning, Ruger, Mayor Blake

**NOES:** None

**ORDINANCE ADOPTED**

Ordinance advertised May 7, 2021, Hopewell Valley News. Posted municipal bulletin board as required by law.

**ORDINANCE NO. 21-1751**

**ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING \$2,700 FROM THE CAPITAL FUND FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A SNOWPLOW BLADE FOR THE WASHINGTON CROSSING ESTATES WATER UTILITY IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY.**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. \$2,700 is hereby appropriated from the Capital Fund for the acquisition of a snowplow blade for the Washington Crossing Estates Water Utility in and by the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the "Township"), including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto.

Section 2. The Township hereby certifies that it has adopted a capital budget or a temporary capital budget, as applicable. The capital or temporary capital budget of the Township is hereby amended to conform with the provisions of this ordinance to the extent of any inconsistency herewith. To the extent that the purposes authorized herein are inconsistent with the adopted capital or temporary capital budget, a revised capital or temporary capital budget has been filed with the Division of Local Government Services.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect after final adoption and publication and otherwise as provided by law.

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**ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

Mayor Blake read by title the ordinance for introduction.

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING FURNITURE DONATION BY JANSSEN PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Peters-Manning to introduce the ordinance on first reading.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Kuchinski, McLaughlin, Peters-Manning, Ruger, Mayor Blake

**NOES:** None

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCED**

Second reading, public hearing date June 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

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**ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

Mayor Blake read by title the ordinance for introduction.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A COMPREHENSIVE SALARY AND WAGE PLAN FOR THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, MERCER COUNTY, NEW JERSEY AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS ADMINISTRATION IN 2021

Motion by Ruger, seconded by McLaughlin to introduce the ordinance on first reading.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Kuchinski, McLaughlin, Peters-Manning, Ruger, Mayor Blake

**NOES:** None

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCED**

Second reading, public hearing date June 14, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

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**ORDINANCE – INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING**

Mayor Blake read by title the ordinance for introduction.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, SECTION 2-2.10 "POLICE DEPARTMENT" OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL REVISED GENERAL ORDINANCES TO PROVIDE FOR UP TO THREE LIEUTENANTS IN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Motion by Peters-Manning, seconded by McLaughlin to introduce the ordinance on first reading.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Kuchinski, McLaughlin, Peters-Manning, Ruger, Mayor Blake

**NOES:** None

**ORDINANCE INTRODUCED**

Second reading, public hearing date June 1, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**RESOLUTIONS #21-157 THROUGH #21-167**, Read by title.

Motion by Peters-Manning, seconded by Kuchinski to adopt Resolution #21-157 through #21-167.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**R E S O L U T I O N # 21-157**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUND OF TAX OR SEWER OVERPAYMENTS**

**WHEREAS**, the Tax Collector has determined that overpayments of taxes and/or utility charges have been made; said overpayments are caused by duplicated payments from owners, title agencies and mortgage companies who have been contacted by the Collector for proper settlement; tax appeals; or utility overpayments.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the individuals and/or corporations so specified below be refunded the overpayment of taxes. Further, a copy of this approved resolution shall be forwarded to the Collector and to the Finance Officer.

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>REFUND TO</u>	<u>REASON</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
38.09/1	Weed, Matthew & Karen	Double payment of tax	270 Wargo Rd	\$3,192.45
16/12	Johnson, Robert & Lori	Double payment of tax	1009 Cherry Valley Rd	\$2,890.23

**RESOLUTION # 21-158**

**RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX SALE CERTIFICATES**

**WHEREAS**, on July 17, 2020 Christiana T c/f C & E 1/Firstbank Trust purchased Tax Sale Certificate 20-00009, for property located at Block 50 Lot 24 known as 273 Pennington-Harbourton Road, assessed to Ram Doot Management LLC; this certificate was redeemed by Weichert Title as closing agent; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township can now release the principal and interest received, and premium(s) if applicable.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021, that the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, State of New Jersey, hereby authorize the Tax Collector to release the amounts listed to the Lien Holder(s) as specified below:

<u>BLOCK/LOT</u>	<u>OWNERS' NAME(S)</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>LIEN HOLDER</u>	<u>PREMIUM</u>
50/24	Ram Doot Mgmt LLC	\$17,235.06	C & E 1/Firstbank	\$27,000.00

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this approved resolution is forwarded to the Tax Collector.

**RESOLUTION #21-159**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REFUNDS FOR HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP RECREATION DEPARTMENT PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS**

**WHEREAS**, registration fees were paid for participation in a variety of programs sponsored by the Hopewell Township Recreation Department; and

**WHEREAS**, some participants have requested a refund in accordance with department policy.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the following program refunds be and are hereby authorized:

Annie Fraser	202 Burd St.	Pennington, 08534	\$141.00
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**RESOLUTION #21-160**

**ADDITION TO THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PART-TIME SEASONAL WORKERS FOR THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need for part-time seasonal workers to manage and supervise a variety of programs sponsored by the Hopewell Township Recreation Department; and

**WHEREAS**, after reviewing their experience and qualifications, the following individuals were selected and are recommended by the Hopewell Township Recreation Director for appointment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that part-time seasonal workers be hereby appointed effective June 21, 2021 through September 3, 2021 as follows:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>TITLE</b>	<b>PROGRAM</b>	<b>SALARY</b>
Jenna Bailin	Rec. Leader-Guest Artist	Art in the Park	\$ 665.00 per session

Pay scale as set by Township Ordinance:

Recreation Aide:	\$12.00 per hour to \$15.00 per hour
Recreation Leader:	\$15.00 per hour to \$35.00 per hour
Recreation Supervisor	\$35.00 per hour to \$50.00 per hour

Each of the summer camps has a range of hours that is dependent on weather, drop-off and pick-up times of campers, daily trip times, and set-up/planning time.

Art in the Park	- Range is from 20 hours to 35 hours per week
Recreation Camp	- Range is from 4-5 hours per day
Nature Camp	- Range is from 4-5 hours per day
Pre-K Camp	- Range is from 4-5 hours per day
Baseball Camp	- Range is from 20 hours to 25 hours per
Softball Camp	- Range is from 20 hours to 25 hours per week
Soccer Camp/League	- Range is from 5 hours to 8 hours per week
Field Hockey League	- Range is from 5 hours to 8 hours per week
Volleyball Camp	- Range is from 25 hours to 30 hours per week

**RESOLUTION #21-161**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PAYMENT OF UNUSED VACATION, SICK AND COMPENSATORY TIME TO DAVID GENTILIN**

**WHEREAS**, David Gentilin retired May 1, 2021 from employment with the Hopewell Township Public Works Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the Agreement between the Township of Hopewell and the Hopewell Township Public Works AFSCME Local 3867 provides to employees who retires from service the payment of unused sick, vacation and compensatory time at their current hourly rate.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that the Township Committee hereby approves the payout of accumulated vacation, sick and compensation time as calculated by the Human Resources Director in the amount of \$4,771.00 to David Gentilin.

## **R E S O L U T I O N #21-162**

### **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF ANNA VAN SCOYOC TO CONDUCT HOPEWELL VALLEY HERITAGE WEEK**

**WHEREAS**, application has been made by Anna Van Scoyoc to conduct Hopewell Valley Heritage Week in the Township of Hopewell at Woolsey Park, 203 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville, NJ on May 29, 2021 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hopewell Township Health Officer, the Hopewell Township Police Department, and Hopewell Township Bureau of Fire Safety have reviewed the application and granted their approval to conduct the event and recommend the granting of a permit pursuant to the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Hopewell, Chapter IV, Section 4-3 Festivals and Large Assemblies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that:

1. This Resolution shall constitute a permit to conduct Hopewell Valley Heritage Week in accordance with the application submitted by the Anna Van Scoyoc which event is to be held May 29, 2021 at Woolsey Park, 203 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road in Hopewell Township.
2. The Hopewell Valley Heritage Week shall be exempt from the several provisions of 4-3, et seq. (4-3.8 Exemptions. A. Charitable or non-profit organizations) except those provided by 4-3.4, Insurance Requirement.
3. The Fire Official advises that if there is any cooking or tents/canopies 30 x 30 or larger they will require a fire safety permit.
4. The application has been forwarded to Pennington First Aid. The applicant should provide details of what they will do in the event of a medical emergency.
5. The Municipal Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Anna Van Scoyoc, Hopewell Valley Heritage Week, 36 Orchard Avenue, Pennington, NJ 08534

## **R E S O L U T I O N #21-163**

### **RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF THE WATERSHED INSTITUTE TO CONDUCT A 5K AND 10K TRAIL RUN AND FESTIVAL**

**WHEREAS**, application has been made by the Watershed Institute to conduct a 2021 5K and 10K Trail Run and Festival in the Township of Hopewell at the Watershed Reserve, 31 Titus Mill Road on June 20, 2021, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hopewell Township Health Officer, the Hopewell Township Police Department, and Hopewell Township Bureau of Fire Safety have reviewed the application and granted their approval to conduct the festival and recommend the granting of a permit pursuant to the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Hopewell, Chapter IV, Section 4-3 Festivals and Large Assemblies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that:

1. This Resolution shall constitute a permit to conduct a 2021 5K and 10K Trail Run and Festival in accordance with the application submitted by the Watershed Institute, which festival is to be held on June 20, 2021 at the Watershed Reserve, 31 Titus Mill Road in Hopewell Township.

2. The Watershed Institute shall be exempted from the several provisions of 4-3, et seq. (4-3.8 Exemptions. a. Charitable or non-profit organizations) except those provided by 4-3.4, Insurance Requirement.

3. The Fire Official advises that any cooking or tents/canopies 30 x 30 or larger require a fire safety permit. The application has been forwarded to Pennington First Aid in case of medical emergencies.

4. The Municipal Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Watershed Institute, 31 Titus Mill Road, Pennington, NJ 08534.

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**R E S O L U T I O N #21-164**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF MERCER COUNTY STABLES TO CONDUCT A JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION**

**WHEREAS**, application has been made by Mercer County Stables to conduct a Juneteenth Celebration in the Township of Hopewell at the Mercer County Stables, 431 B Federal City Road, Pennington, New Jersey on June 19, 2021 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (7:00 a.m.-set-up; 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.-breakdown, clean-up); and

**WHEREAS**, the Hopewell Township Health Officer, the Hopewell Township Police Department, and Hopewell Township Bureau of Fire Safety have reviewed the application and granted their approval to conduct the festival and recommend the granting of a permit pursuant to the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Hopewell, Chapter IV, Section 4-3 Festivals and Large Assemblies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that:

1. This Resolution shall constitute a permit to conduct a Juneteenth Celebration in accordance with the application submitted by Mercer County Stables, which festival is to be held on June 19, 2021 at 431 B Federal City Road in Hopewell Township.

2. Mercer County Stables shall be exempted from the several provisions of 4-3, et seq. (4-3.8 Exemptions. a. Charitable or non-profit organizations) except those provided by 4-3.4, Insurance Requirement.

3. The Fire Official advises that any cooking or tents/canopies 30 x 30 or larger require a fire safety permit. The application has been forwarded to Pennington First Aid in case of medical emergencies.

4. The Municipal Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Mercer County Stables, 431 B Federal City Road, Pennington, NJ 08534.

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**R E S O L U T I O N #21-165**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF THE HOPEWELL VALLEY ARTS COUNCIL TO CONDUCT MOVIES AT WOOLSEY PARK**

**WHEREAS**, application has been made by the Hopewell Valley Arts Council to conduct Movies at Woolsey Park in the Township of Hopewell at Woolsey Park, 203 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville, NJ on June 11, July 2, July 30, August 13, August 27, September 10, October 1 and October 22, 2021 between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (Rain dates: June 13, July 3, July 25, August 8, September 5, October 3, and October 24, 2021); and

**WHEREAS**, the Hopewell Township Health Officer, the Hopewell Township Police Department, and Hopewell Township Bureau of Fire Safety have reviewed the application and granted their approval to conduct the event and recommend the granting of a permit pursuant to the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Hopewell, Chapter IV, Section 4-3 Festivals and Large Assemblies.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that:

1. This Resolution shall constitute a permit to conduct Movies at Woolsey Park in accordance with the application submitted by the Hopewell Valley Arts Council, which event is to be held June 11, July 2, July 30, August 13, August 27, September 10, October 1 and October 22, 2021 (rain dates as noted above) at Woolsey Park, 203 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road in Hopewell Township.

2. The Hopewell Valley Arts Council shall be exempt from the several provisions of 4-3, et seq. (4-3.8 Exemptions. A. Charitable or non-profit organizations) except those provided by 4-3.4, Insurance Requirement.
3. The Fire Official requests that all activity and set up must be kept south of the walking path in the area of the Veteran's Memorial.
4. All distance separations shall comply with all applicable Executive Orders issued by the Governor of New Jersey, as well as any other requirements, conditions and/or limitations in the Governor's Executive Orders.
5. The Municipal Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Hopewell Valley Arts Council, P.O. Box 145, Hopewell, NJ 08525.

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**RESOLUTION # 21-166**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT TO CONDUCT A SOAP BOX DERBY**

**WHEREAS**, application has been made by the Hopewell Township Recreation Department to conduct a Soap Box Derby event in the Township of Hopewell at Washington Crossing State Park, 355 Washington Crossing Pennington Rd, Titusville, NJ 08560 on June 13, 2021 (June 12 – set up), between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hopewell Township Health Officer, the Hopewell Township Police Department, the Hopewell Township Bureau of Fire Safety and the Director of Community Development have reviewed the application and granted their approval to conduct the events and recommend the granting of a permit pursuant to the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Hopewell, Chapter IV, Section 4-3 Festivals and Large Assemblies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that:

1. This Resolution shall constitute a permit to conduct a Soap Box Derby event in accordance with the application submitted by Hopewell Township Recreation Department, which events are to be held on July June 13, 2021, at Washington Crossing State Park, 355 Washington Crossing Pennington Road, Titusville, NJ.
2. Hopewell Township Recreation Department shall be exempted from the several provisions of 4-3, et seq. (4-3.8 Exemptions. e. Governmental units) except those provided by 4-3.4, Insurance Requirement.
3. The Hopewell Township Recreation Department will coordinate with the Hopewell Township Police Department for assistance with traffic control during arrival and departure of the event.
4. As the event is in the State Park, all fire code enforcement is handled by the State Division of Fire Safety.
5. The Municipal Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Hopewell Township Recreation Department, 201 Washington Crossing-Pennington Road, Titusville, NJ 08560.

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**RESOLUTION # 21-167**

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP ZONING OFFICER TO  
ISSUE A TEMPORARY ACTIVITIES PERMIT TO  
HONEY BROOK ORGANIC FARM LLC FOR THE 2021 SEASON**

**WHEREAS**, the Honey Brook Organic Farm LLC seeks permission to use the property owned by Indu Chowdhury located at 8 Elm Ridge Road for a Seasonal Farm Market for the 2021 season, commencing Tuesday May 18, 2021 through Saturday, November 20, 2021 with operational time from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m., weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Saturdays; and

**WHEREAS**, this proposal has been reviewed by the Hopewell Township Attorney who has advised that this proposal can be authorized under a Temporary Activities Permit issued by the Hopewell Township Zoning Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, this request has been reviewed by the Hopewell Township Health Department, Hopewell Township Police Department, Hopewell Valley Fire Safety and the Municipal Construction Office who have raised no objections;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2021, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey, that



the Hopewell Township Zoning Officer be directed to issue a Temporary Activities Permit to Honey Brook Organic Farm, LLC for the 2021 Season, commencing Tuesday, May 18, 2021 through Saturday, November 20, 2021 with operational time from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., weekdays, and 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Saturdays, subject to receipt of all final approvals and comments from the Hopewell Township Health Officer, Hopewell Township Police, Hopewell Valley Fire Safety, Municipal Construction Office and Zoning Officer, and subject to any relevant restrictions on use, noise, signs, etc., or other permits as may be required, including:

1. All distance separations shall comply with all applicable Executive Orders issued by the Governor of New Jersey, as well as any other requirements, conditions and/or limitations in the Governor’s Executive Orders. **Any occupied seating must be six (6) feet between parties and limited to a maximum of eight (8) individuals per table.**
2. Attendees must maintain social distancing and shall be required to wear masks consistent with standing Executive Orders issued by the Governor’s Office. Hand sanitizer should be available for attendee use.
3. **Fire Safety Permits will be required for any open flames and/or cooking that includes the use of charcoal grills, propane grills, smokers, electric hot plates, induction burners and the like, which may take place during the market; this is a requirement of the NJ Uniform Fire Code.**

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**RESOLUTION #21-168.** Read by title.  
 Motion by Ruger, seconded by McLaughlin to adopt Resolution #21-168.  
**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**R E S O L U T I O N #21-168**

**A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF THE  
COURT ATTENDANT IN THE MUNICIPAL COURT  
WILLIAM GRAY**

**WHEREAS,** Court Attendant William Gray has been employed in the Hopewell Township Municipal Court since January 13, 2015; and

**WHEREAS,** Court Attendant William Gray has submitted his resignation on April 20, 2021.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2021 by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, County of Mercer, State of New Jersey:

1. That Court Attendant William Gray resignation effective May 3, 2021 be and is hereby accepted.

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**RESOLUTION #21-169.** Read by title.  
 Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #21-169.  
**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**R E S O L U T I O N #21-169**

**RESOLUTION OF EXTENSION  
AWARD FOR BID # 21-03  
PENNINGTON – TITUSVILLE ROAD IMPROVEMENTS**

**WHEREAS,** the Township has advertised and received formal bids for Bid # 21-03, in a Fair and Open manner in accord with N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.4 et. Seq.; and

**WHEREAS** the Township received formal bids on April 29, 2021 at 9:00 am, to wit:

<b>NAME OF BIDDER</b>	Richard T. Barrett Paving Contractors Inc.	Earle Asphalt	Top Line Construction Corp.
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<b>LUMP SUM</b>	\$273,502.61	\$282,413.13	\$289,097.70
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; and

**WHEREAS**, the consulting engineer, the township engineer and qualified purchasing agent have determined that Richard T. Barrett Paving Contractors Inc. 400 Prospect Street, Trenton, New Jersey, 08618, as the lowest responsible bidder in accord with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-4; and

**WHEREAS** the Superintendent of Public Works/ Interim Administrator recommends the award of Bid # 21-03 Richard T. Barrett Paving Contractors Inc. 400 Prospect Street, Trenton, New Jersey, 08618 in the amount of \$273,502.61; and

**WHEREAS**, the project and funding is a portion of a grant by the New Jersey Department of Transportation and subject to their approval of award; and

**WHEREAS** the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds are available NOT TO EXCEED \$273,502.61, as follows:

2021 DOT GRANT FUND - X-02-00-920-865

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, New Jersey, that subject to the approval by the NJDOT, the recommendation to award is hereby accepted. The bid provided by Richard T. Barrett Paving Contractors Inc. 400 Prospect Street, Trenton, New Jersey, 08618 for bid # 21-03 Pennington – Titusville Road Improvements for the amount of \$273,502.61; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, New Jersey, that the Mayor is authorized to effectuate a contract with Richard T. Barrett Paving Contractors Inc. 400 Prospect Street, Trenton, New Jersey, 08618, reflecting the precepts as contained within this agreement.

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**RESOLUTION #21-170.** Read by title.

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #21-170.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION #21-170**

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPEWELL, IN THE COUNTY OF MERCER, NEW JERSEY, DETERMINING THE FORM AND OTHER DETAILS OF ITS “NOTE RELATING TO THE CONSTRUCTION FINANCING LOAN PROGRAM OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK”, TO BE ISSUED IN THE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT OF UP TO \$170,000, AND PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF SUCH NOTE TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SUCH NOTE BY THE TOWNSHIP IN FAVOR OF THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK, ALL PURSUANT TO THE NEW JERSEY INFRASTRUCTURE BANK CONSTRUCTION FINANCING LOAN PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hopewell, in the County of Mercer, New Jersey (the “Local Unit”), is making improvements to its clean water infrastructure including, but not limited to, the planning, design and engineering costs associated with the Princeton Farms Sewerage System, including all work and materials necessary therefor and incidental thereto (the “Project”), and it is the desire of the Local Unit to obtain financing for such Project through participation in the environmental infrastructure financing program (the “New Jersey Water Bank”) of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank (the “I-Bank”);

**WHEREAS**, the Local Unit has determined to temporarily finance the undertaking of the Project prior to the closing with respect to the New Jersey Water Bank, and to undertake such temporary financing with the proceeds of a short-term loan to be made by the I-Bank (the “Construction Loan”) to the Local Unit, pursuant to the Construction Financing Loan Program of the I-Bank (the “Construction Financing Loan Program”);

**WHEREAS**, in order to (i) evidence and secure the repayment obligation of the Local Unit to the I-Bank with respect to the Construction Loan and (ii) satisfy the requirements of the Construction Financing Loan Program, it is the desire of the Local Unit to issue and sell to the I-

Bank the “Note Relating to the Construction Financing Loan Program of the New Jersey Infrastructure Bank” in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$170,000 (the “Note”);

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Local Unit to authorize, execute, attest and deliver the Note to the I-Bank pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law of the State of New Jersey, constituting Chapter 2 of Title 40A of the Revised Statutes of the State of New Jersey (the “Local Bond Law”), and other applicable law; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 28 of the Local Bond Law allows for the sale of the Note to the I-Bank, without any public offering, and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9 allows for the sale of the Note to the I-Bank without any public offering, all under the terms and conditions set forth therein.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the governing body of the Local Unit as follows:

**Section 1.** In accordance with Section 28 of the Local Bond Law and N.J.S.A. 58:11B-9, the Local Unit hereby authorizes the issuance, sale and award the Note in accordance with the provisions hereof. The obligation represented by the Note has been appropriated and authorized by bond ordinances 19-706 and 19-707 finally adopted on April 15, 2019 (collectively, the “Bond Ordinance”), authorizing an aggregate amount of \$170,000 of bonds, and any notes issues in anticipate thereof, for the Project. A quorum was present and acted throughout each of the ordinance, all pursuant to the terms of the Local Bond Law and other applicable law.

**Section 2.** The Chief Financial Officer of the Local Unit (the “Chief Financial Officer”) is hereby authorized to determine, in accordance with the Local Bond Law and pursuant to the terms and conditions hereof, (i) the final principal amount of the Note (subject to the maximum limitation set forth in Section 4(a) hereof), and (ii) the dated date of the Note.

**Section 3.** Any determination made by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to the terms hereof shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution and attestation of the Note by the parties authorized pursuant to Section 4(h) hereof.

**Section 4.** The Local Unit hereby determines that certain terms of the Note shall be as follows:

- (a) the principal amount of the Note to be issued shall be an amount up to \$170,000;
- (b) the maturity of the Note shall be as determined by the I-Bank;
- (c) the interest rate of the Note shall be as determined by the I-Bank;
- (d) the purchase price for the Note shall be par;
- (e) the Note shall be subject to prepayment prior to its stated maturity in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Note;
- (f) the Note shall be issued in a single denomination and shall be numbered “CFP-2021-1”;
- (g) the Note shall be issued in fully registered form and shall be payable to the registered owner thereof as to both principal and interest in lawful money of the United States of America; and
- (h) the Note shall be executed by the manual or facsimile signatures of the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer under official seal or facsimile thereof affixed, printed, engraved or reproduced thereon and attested by the manual signature of the Local Unit Clerk.

**Section 5.** The Note shall be substantially in the form provided by the I-Bank.

**Section 6.** The law firm of McManimon, Scotland and Baumann, LLC is hereby authorized to arrange for the printing of the Note, which law firm may authorize McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank for the Construction Loan Financing Program, to arrange for same.

**Section 7.** The Authorized Officers of the Local Unit are hereby further severally authorized to (i) execute and deliver, and the Local Unit Clerk is hereby further authorized to attest to such execution and to affix the corporate seal of the Local Unit to, any document, instrument or closing certificate deemed necessary, desirable or convenient by the Authorized Officers or the Secretary of the Local Unit, as applicable, in their respective sole discretion, after consultation with counsel and any advisors to the Local Unit and after further consultation with the I-Bank and its representatives, agents, counsel and advisors, to be executed in connection with the issuance and sale of the Note and the participation of the Local Unit in the Construction Financing Loan Program, which determination shall be conclusively evidenced by the execution of each such certificate or other document by the party authorized hereunder to execute such certificate or other document, and (ii) perform such other actions as the Authorized Officers deem necessary, desirable or convenient in relation to the execution and delivery of the Note and the participation of the Local Unit in the Construction Financing Loan Program.

**Section 8.** This resolution shall take effect immediately.

**Section 9.** Upon the adoption hereof, the Local Unit Clerk shall forward certified copies of this resolution to McManimon, Scotland & Baumann, LLC, bond counsel to the Local Unit, David Zimmer, Executive Director of the I-Bank, and Richard T. Nolan, Esq., McCarter & English, LLP, bond counsel to the I-Bank.

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**RESOLUTION #21-171.** Read by title.

Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Peters-Manning to adopt Resolution #21-171.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**R E S O L U T I O N #21-171**

**RESOLUTION FOR EXTENSION OF AWARD FOR  
BID #19-03  
BRUSH GRINDING SERVICES  
TO BRITTON INDUSTRIES**

**WHEREAS**, the Township has advertised and received formal bids for Bid # 19-03 Brush Grinding Services, in a Fair and Open manner in accord with N.J.S.A 19:44A-20.5 et. Seq., and

**WHEREAS**, Britton Industries 227 Bakers Basin Rd., Lawrenceville, N.J., at the price of \$4.48/ Cu Yard unprocessed brush submitted the lowest bid: and

**WHEREAS**, the bid as submitted by Britton Industries was deemed to be the lowest responsive and responsible bid by the Qualified Purchasing Agent and the Township Public Works Director; and

**WHEREAS** the Qualified Purchasing Agent and Township Public Works Director recommend award of Bid #19-03 Brush Grinding Services Britton Industries 227 Bakers Basin Rd., Lawrenceville, N.J for a two (2) year contract at the rate of \$4.48 per cubic yard of unprocessed brush; and

**WHEREAS** the Township of Hopewell by resolution # 19-60 awarded Britton Industries a two (2) year contract; and

**WHEREAS** the New Jersey Local Publics Contract Law at N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15 provides for authorization to extend contracts for two (2) years; and

**WHEREAS**, subject to the governing body approving future budgets, the Chief Financial Officer hereby certifies that funds are available NOT TO EXCEED:

2021 - \$37,000 PO 21 -

Accounts 1-01-26-290-029 \$17,000 Public Works – Other Expenses and  
X-02-00-920-905 \$20,000.00 Recycling Tonnage Grant Fund.

2022 – to be determined upon next grant award.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, New Jersey, that the award of contract under resolution # 19-60 to Britton Industries 227 Bakers Basin Rd., Lawrenceville, N.J for a two (2) year contract at the rate of \$4.48 per cubic yard of unprocessed brush; is hereby extended under the provisions of N.J.S.A. 40A:11-15 for two (2) years.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell, Mercer County, New Jersey, that the Mayor is authorized to effectuate a contract with Britton Industries 227 Bakers Basin Rd., Lawrenceville, N.J, reflecting the precepts as contained within this agreement.

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**RESOLUTION #21-172.** Read by title.

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Ruger to adopt Resolution #21-172 as amended.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**R E S O L U T I O N #21-172**

**A RESOLUTION CALLING ON GOVERNOR PHIL MURPHY, U.S. SENATORS BOB MENENDEZ AND CORY BOOKER, CONGRESSWOMAN BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN AND CONGRESSMAN TOM MALINOWSKI TO ENCOURAGE THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION TO REVERSE ITS SUPPORT OF THE PENNEAST PIPELINE'S USE OF EMINENT DOMAIN TO TAKE NEW JERSEY PROPERTY, TO OPPOSE THE PENNEAST PIPELINE PROJECT AND TO SUPPORT H.R. 2115**

**WHEREAS**, on September 10, 2019, in 2019, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit rendered a decision in *PennEast Pipeline Co. v. New Jersey*, finding that private companies who hold a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”) may not exercise the federal power of eminent domain Congress delegated to them under the Natural Gas Act (“NGA”) to bring an action to condemn private property in which a state asserts an interest; and

**WHEREAS**, the PennEast Pipeline Company, having been granted a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and eminent domain authority by the FERC, allowing it to seize land from property owners appealed the Third Circuit’s decision to the U.S. Supreme Court, to continue its efforts to build part of its ill-conceived and unneeded natural gas pipeline through, among other properties, 44 New Jersey state-owned or controlled parcels of land; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of New Jersey, in its brief submitted by New Jersey Attorney General Gurbir Grewal, argued that the appeal should be denied, because the unanimous Third Circuit Decision reflected a proper application of sovereign immunity law and that the Constitution does not allow private parties, like the PennEast Pipeline Company, to sue States under the NGA; and

**WHEREAS**, the Biden Administration’s Solicitor General, following the position of the Trump Administration, urged the Supreme Court to overturn the Third Circuit decision that blocked the PennEast Pipeline Company from using the federal power of eminent domain to take land owned by the State of New Jersey; and

**WHEREAS**, the planned pipeline route would proceed along the western border of the Township of Hopewell, threatening our water supply, triggering more flash flooding, potentially voiding two generations of effort to clean up the Delaware River and revive its wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, the campaign platform of President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris included a document entitled, “[9 KEY ELEMENTS OF JOE BIDEN’S PLAN FOR A CLEAN ENERGY REVOLUTION](#),” which called on their administration to act on climate change immediately and ambitiously because “there’s no time to waste;” and

**WHEREAS**, the Biden/Harris Administration is keen to bolster its green credentials both domestically and internationally, and the PennEast Pipeline project serves as a counter-point to a forward-looking, balanced energy plan. The recent Supreme Court brief filed by the Acting Solicitor General does not advance the urgent agenda to de-carbonize our energy supplies; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 31, 2021, Congress members Bonnie Watson Coleman (NJ-12) and Tom Malinowski (NJ-7) [announced](#) the introduction of the Safe and Accountable Federal Energy Review for Pipelines Act of 2021 ([H.R. 2115](#)). FERC has for years relied on outdated private agreements to determine whether to approve future natural gas pipelines, failing to comprehensively evaluate or consider duplicate, competing or contiguous pipelines and their impact on local environments. This abbreviated process has resulted in the approval of over 470 natural gas pipelines between 1999 and 2019 with only two rejected applications; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township of Hopewell, through four Mayors and a total of eight Committee Members has long and unanimously expressed its opposition to the PennEast Pipeline project.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Township Committee of the Township of Hopewell in the County of Mercer, in the State of New Jersey, that Hopewell Township supports the decision of the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals to protect sovereign immunity and calls on New Jersey’s Governor Phil Murphy and U.S. Senators Bob Menendez and Cory Booker, Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman and Congressman Tom Malinowski to urge the Biden Administration and its Solicitor General to Oppose PennEast’s U.S. Supreme Court appeal; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee expresses its appreciation to Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman and Congressman Tom Malinowski for opposing Penn East’s appeal; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Township Committee expresses its support for H.R. 2115; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** this resolution shall be distributed to:

- a. Governor Philip Murphy;
- b. Senators Menendez and Booker;
- c. Congressman Tom Malinowski; and
- d. Congresswoman Bonnie Watson Coleman.

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**RESOLUTION #21-173.** Read by title.

Motion by Kuchinski, seconded by Peters-Manning to adopt Resolution #21-173.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

**RESOLUTION #21-173**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF RENE JOHNSON TO  
CONDUCT A MEMORIAL EVENT**

**WHEREAS**, application has been made by the Rene Johnson to conduct a Memorial Event in the Township of Hopewell at Brick Farm Tavern, 130 Hopewell Rocky Hill Road, Hopewell, NJ 08525 in the Farm Pasture on June 5, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hopewell Township Health Officer, the Hopewell Township Police Department, the Hopewell Township Bureau of Fire Safety and the Director of Community Development have reviewed the application and granted their approval to conduct the events and recommend the granting of a permit pursuant to the Revised General Ordinances of the Township of Hopewell, Chapter IV, Section 4-3 Festivals and Large Assemblies;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that:

1. This Resolution shall constitute a permit to conduct a Memorial Event in accordance with the application submitted by Rene Johnson, which events are to be held on June 5, 2021, at Brick Farm Tavern, 130 Hopewell Rocky Hill Road, Hopewell, NJ.

2. Rene Johnson shall be exempted from the several provisions of 4-3, et seq. (4-3.8 Exemptions. g. Events which will benefit the health, morals, safety, welfare of the community) except those provided by 4-3.4, Insurance Requirement.

3. The Municipal Clerk is directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to Rene Johnson, 95 Van Zandt Road, Skillman, NJ 08558.

**RESOLUTION #21-174.** Read by title.

Motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Peters-Manning to adopt Resolution #21-174.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**AYES:** Kuchinski, McLaughlin, Peters-Manning, Ruger, Mayor Blake

**NOES:** None

**RESOLUTION #21-174**

**BILLS & CLAIMS**

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that the list of cash disbursements authorized for approval of bills for payment date May 17, 2021 in the following amounts:

Bills and Claims	\$	5,547,456.09
Payroll	\$	337,807.46
Total Disbursements	\$	5,885,263.55

Itemized and listed on the submitted schedule are hereby approved and filed as a record as part of the minutes of this meeting.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – AS LISTED ON THE TOWNSHIP WEBSITE ON THE CLERK’S PAGE.**

**PUBLIC SECTION**

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

No comments from the public.

At 7:12 p.m., motion by McLaughlin, seconded by Kuchinski to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED**

The detailed public meeting may be viewed at [www.hopewelltp.org](http://www.hopewelltp.org) in the video library.

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LAURIE E. GOMPFF  
MUNICIPAL CLERK